AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO AN OFFICE ACTION (Paper No. 4), MAILED FEBRUARY 11, 2002

Responsive to an Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed February 11, 2002, please amend the application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for converting an object display description document, comprising a generating means for generating, from a set of source objects in the document, a set of new objects fewer than said set of source objects, to obtain a display image equivalent to the display image obtained from said set of source objects,

wherein said generating means generates a new object from a transparent or translucent source object and other source objects located at a layer lower than a layer including said transparent or translucent source object and spatially overlapping said transparent or translucent source object.

Please cancel claim 3.

4. (Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein generation of said new object from said transparent or translucent source object and said other source objects is performed for a time range in which said transparent or translucent source object spatially overlaps said other source objects.

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10. (Amended) A method for converting an object display description document, comprising a generation step of generating, from a set of source objects in the document, a set of new objects fewer than said set of source objects, to obtain a display image equivalent to the display image obtained from said set of source objects,

wherein said generation step generates a new object from a transparent or translucent source object and other source objects located at a layer lower than a layer including said transparent or translucent source object and spatially overlapping said transparent or translucent source object.

Please cancel claim 12.

13. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein generation of said new object from said transparent or translucent source object and said other source objects is performed for a time range in which said transparent or translucent source object spatially overlaps said other source objects.

19. (Amended) A computer program for causing a computer to execute a method for converting an object display description document, said method comprising a generation step of generating, from a set of source objects in the document, a set of new objects fewer than said set of source objects, to obtain a display image equivalent to the display image obtained from said set of source objects,

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wherein said generation step generates a new object from a transparent or translucent source object and other source objects located at layer lower than a layer including said transparent or translucent source object and spatially overlapping said transparent or translucent source object.

Please cancel claim 21.

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22. (Amended) The program as recited in claim 19, wherein generation of said new object from said transparent or translucent source object and said other source objects is performed for a time range in which said transparent or translucent source object spatially overlaps said other source objects.